

been a church member for sixty years and a deacon or elder for fifty-five years; I have visited the congregation in connection with the pastor ever since I was an elder.

In 1840 I was elected as Superintendent of Public Schools of Union township, and the law required me to visit all the schools twice a year, which I tried to do to the best of my ability; so I became acquainted with all the boys and girls who attended school, and when they grew up to men and women they grew out of my remembrance, but they still remembered me.

About 1860 I joined the American Institute in New York and used to attend the Farmers' Club about once in two weeks, and after Professor Cook became Commissioner of Agriculture and visited the counties we formed the Farmers' Club of Union County, and I was elected president, and Dennis C. Crane secretary. The editor of the Elizabeth Journal, Mr. F. W. Foote, used to meet with us and publish an account of the meetings in his paper, which was taken by the farmers. It introduced new modes of cultivating and new fruits, and proved an advantage to the farmers.

I have my eight children all living. Three of my sons are married: John M. married Matilda Miller, and they have two children—Elizabeth S. and Edith M. Frederick married Anna Lucille Harrington, and William C. married Isabel Lennox, and they have two children—Alfred Lennox and L. Leonie.

I held a reception on my 84th birthday, which was attended by my children and grand-children, and was enjoyed by all.